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In re Patent Application of:
Michael J. MAHAN et al.

Application No.: 09/927,788

Art Unit: 1645

Filed: August 9, 2001

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For: BACTERIA WITH ALTERED DNA ADENINE
METHYLASE (DAM) ACTIVITY AND
HETEROLOGOUS EPITOPE

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 28, 2003, for which a response was due on November 28, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to Sunday, December 28, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the above referenced application as follows: